Who is eligible for academic accommodations?

A student with a documented learning disability, physical or mental health condition, religious obligation or any other characteristic protected under NS Human Rights legislation is eligible for academic accommodations.

Many of the students we serve have “invisible” disabilities and/or “hidden” barriers, which may or may not be apparent in the classroom. The goal of academic accommodations is to reduce or remove barriers that place students at unfair advantage in their learning.

What is the process to receive academic accommodations?

Students meet with the Coordinator of Academic Accommodations to discuss their learning strengths and needs as well as barriers they face. They complete a request form and also submit supporting documentation from a physician or psychologist, depending upon their disability. The forms for completion can be found at:

http://www.dal.ca/about-dal/agricultural-campus/student-services/accommodationsdalac.html

When can a student receive academic accommodations?

Academic accommodations can be put in place anytime during the year. To maximize success, students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after a barrier is identified.

Where can a person learn more about academic accommodations?

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to contact Bev Zinck, Coordinator of Academic Accommodations via email at scc@dal.ca, by calling (902)896-2463, or in-person at Student Services, Dairy Building, Dalhousie University, Truro Campus.

How can we work together to help students with academic accommodations?

Taking the first step to come to Student Services can be the hardest. We know it can involve courage and trust to disclose a disability. By being knowledgeable about our services as well as communicating verbally and through syllabi that there are on-campus supports, you help breakdown isolation and stigma students may face.

Some faculty and staff, after speaking with a student, make the first contact with Student Services on the understanding that the Coordinator of Academic Accommodations will then outreach to the student. This helps students to know that we work collaboratively, and as a team, to support them.

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